

Atlanta Police Department Incident Chronology (Preliminary)

Fulton County Courthouse Shooting

TIME	ACTION	NOTES
8:45 am	Female Fulton County Sheriff Hall was overpowered by suspect Brian Nichols while suspect changed clothes, Deputy's weapon was taken and she was assaulted (INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FULTON COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT)	
8:55	Suspect enters courtroom 8-F where he shoots Judge Rowland Barnes and Court Reporter Julie Brandeau. Suspect leaves courtroom. (INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FULTON COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT)	
	ATLANTA POLICE RESPONDS	
9:05	APD Communications received a cell phone call from a citizen at Pryor and Alabama that an officer was down	
	An APD homicide investigator was already at the scene for an appointment in court and was searching for a parking space	
	The same homicide investigator takes control of the crime scene	
	<i>Suspect Nichols carjacks green Mazda Tribute</i> and reported stolen (Police Report)	
9:06	The first dispatched Zone 5 officer arrived on the scene and called into APD radio that an officer needed help	
9:07	<i>Suspect carjacks an A-Tow wrecker truck in the vicinity of the Fulton County Courthouse</i> (Police Report)	
9:10	<i>The green Mazda that was reported stolen at 9:05 is recovered</i> (Police Report)	
9:11	APD called MARTA operator about the incident	
	Atlanta Fire Rescue is dispatched regarding the shooting incident	
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9:13	Grady EMS arrives on the scene	
9:14	<i>Suspect carjacks victim in silver Mercury Sable – (Police Report)</i>	
9:15	Atlanta Police Command staff were notified by APD communications that a Fulton County deputy was shot	
	Atlanta Fire Rescue arrives on the scene	
9:16	<i>Suspect carjacks a blue Isuzu Trooper-Police Report</i>	
9:19	Tow truck carjacked at 9:07 was discovered	
9:20	Suspect assaults AJC reporter and carjacks his green Honda	
9:21	The blue Isuzu Trooper carjacked at 9: 16 am was located	
	APD communications contacted MARTA Police with additional information on suspect	
	Atlanta Fire Department notified their dispatch that two individuals were dead- they contacted the medical examiner	
9:22	Atlanta Fire Rescue advises dispatch that a third victim was injured at courthouse	
9:30	Assistant Chief of Police Dreher arrives at the scene to assess the situation	
9:36	Special Operations Section (SOS) lieutenant notified APD communications that a deputy and others were injured	
9:38	SOS lieutenant notifies APD communications that the judge and court reporter are shot	
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9:40	APD Command staff are notified by APD communications that judge and court reporter are shot	

	Atlanta Fire Rescue exterior command post was set up at Pryor and MLK Drive	
9:41	Atlanta Fire Rescue calls additional equipment to the scene	
9:45	APD takes command of the scene at this point on the streets, coordinating the investigative efforts of the assisting agencies (FBI, US Marshals, ATF, GBI, Fulton County Sheriffs Office, Fulton County Police Department and Fulton County Marshals	
	<i>Photo of suspect Brian Nichols was circulated</i>	
9:48	Atlanta Fire Chief arrives on the scene	
9:50	Briefing room was staged on the 9 th floor of the Fulton County bldg.	
	APD coordinated assignments for supporting law enforcement agencies	
	Atlanta Fire Rescue establishes an interior command as a medical command center	
	Atlanta Fire Rescue was notified that four people were shot, two fatally and had difficulty breathing	
9:55	An Atlanta Fire Department medical doctor was enroute to the scene	
10:25	APD set up mobile command vehicle at MLK and Pryor primarily for traffic control during the investigation	
10:30	APD and participating agencies relocated the command center at the Emergency Operation Center	